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Project Proposal Memorandum

: Projects Rgview Committee, 25X1A Geographic Area FROM: Chief, Goography Division Vozrozhdeniya Island, Aral Sea Subject of Proposed Project: Statement of Project: To produce a geographical study of the island of Vozrozhdeniya which might indicate its assets as a Biological Warfare test area. The study will consist of a survey of both the Scope: physical and cultural components pertinent to the use of the island as a BW test area. Attached Outline: Requested by OSI, in memorandum of 3 March 1953. Need for Project: Responsible Analyst: Responsible Branch: Unassigned USSR Estimated Man-Hours Required to Complete Project: Cooperating ORR Divisions: Producing Division: D/GC 100

photomaps if available

1 orientation map

Cooperation Desired from Other CIA Offices and other Agencies:

Total

Graphics or Maps:

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1 map of island and surrounding sea area

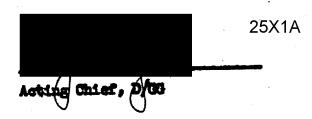
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VOZROZHDENIYA ISLAND

I. Physical features

- A. Terrain
- B. Vegetation
 - 1. Matural
 - 2. Cultivated crops
- C. Meteorological conditions
 - 1. Temperature
 - 2. Precipitation
 - 3. Winds
 - 4. Cloud conditions
- II. Cultural features
 - A. Population
 - 1. Density
 - 2. Settlements
 - 3. Ethnic Composition
 - B. Installations
 - 1. Usual
 - a. economic
 - b. civil
 - 2. Special
 - a. military
 - b. seientific
 - C. Communications
 - 1. Local transportation facilities and services
 - 2. Communication facilities with the mainland

- D. Aspects of the Aral Sea in the vicinity of the Island
 - 1. Water depths
 - 2. Prevailing currents
 - 3. Offshore obstructions
 - 4. Salinity
 - 5. Flora and fauna

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

: Assistant Director for Research and Reports Date: March 3, 1953

FROM

Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Request for Geographical Survey of VOZROZHDENIYA ISLAND, ARAL

SEA, USSR.

1. VOZROZHDENIYA ISIAND, ARAL SEA, has long been reported as a site for Soviet field testing of BW agents and weapons. Its geographic location affords ideal conditions for such field trials. A preliminary discussion with members of the Geography Division of ORR has indicated that they would be villing to undertake a geographical survey of the island within the following scope:

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- a. Topography.
- b. Meteorological conditions.
- c. Transportation facilities and services.
- d. Installations and physical features.
- e. Transportation facilities and services.
- f. Port conditions.
- g. Physical aspects of the Aral Sea area in the vicinity of the Island.
- h. Communication facilities with the mainland.
- 2. A member of Biology Division, SI, will be available to review the material pertinent to the study and assist in selecting that information which would be helpful in evaluating the island as a BW test area.

H. MARSHALL CHADWELL Assistant Director Scientific Intelligence

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